'Seeing Is Believing,' Say Ramsays, After World Trip

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Ramsay

By Dr. Bob N. Ramsay

(Dr. and Mrs. Bob N. Ramsay, Calvary Church, Tupelo, have recently returned from a preaching mission which took them around the world. Their itinerary and schedule of revivals and speaking engagements were under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board.)

Never were the words, "Seeing is believing," so true as our experiences have been in visiting Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Italy, and Spain.

We spent only a few days in Japan, but enough time to observe something of the vigor both of the people and of the economy. How correct is the statement, "The Japanese people have an appetite to work!" Japan is moving forward economically at a rapid pace, and thus the call has never been more urgent and the opportunity has never been so great for the claims of Christ to be presented to these innumerable hosts of people.

Revival In Korea

We arrived in Seoul, Korea, a city of five and one-half million people, on a Friday afternoon, and began a week-end revival meeting at the Si Heung Baptist Church that evening. The church is located in one of the fastest growing sections of the city. From the initial service the presence and power of the Holy Spirit were in evidence.

Each night we met in a tent. The area was filled to capacity. The singing was magnificent and the response of the people was most gratifying. Pastor Kong, a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Korea, invited us to go with him to visit the prospects in his district. What an experience for one who had never been in an Oriental home. We began at eight o'clock in the morning, and he pressed 'the battle to the gates.' Before entering each home, off came our shoes; and while we sat on the floor we bore our testimony. Of course the pastor would translate our presentation of the gospel. Having Westerners present gave this Korean minister renewed enthusiasm, and he kept us visiting long after our physical energies were consumed.

While other decisions were made, the one which impressed us most was that of a young woman renouncing her faith in Buddha. We had visited her home, had witnessed to her family, and had gained the promise from the mother and this young lady that they would attend the services. The mother did not come, but the daughter did. There was no response the first night. She missed the following service, but was present on the closing night. When the invitation was given she readily accepted Christ, and the radiant smile on her face was indicative of the transformation wrought.

Our schedule of activities was under the guidance of Rev. Don C. Jones, who is in charge of the Department of Publication and Church Administration for the Korean Mis-

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Home Board Loan Service Expanded

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board voted here to expand the work of its Division of Church loans by eliminating limitations for its work only to "new territory" areas and expanding its activities to the entire nation.

Since 1959, operating on the basis of limited funds and resources, the division had confined its work to those state conventions (organized since 1940) where most new churches were being started and where local financing was hard to find because Southern Baptists were not well known, board officials said.

Robert H. Kilgore of Atlanta, director of the division, said needs in the states where Southern Baptists are well established are greater now than in 1959.

He said weekly requests from these areas have been far between 10 and 20 loans. The division has made arrangements for expanded borrowing of funds to be used for these However, Kilgore does not expect money to be the major assistance.

"Counseling to correlate the purchase of land and erection of buildings as it relates to the financial program of the church will be our major commodity," he said.

He cited an increasing number of churches which have been abused because of unwise financial planning, excessive building, and even erecting the wrong type of building.

"Quite often the location of the facilities in the community are not planned in relationship to the changing complex of the community or the growing edge of the community," he said.

Financial assistance may run second to counseling but funds will go for two purposes: (1) the purchase of church sites where new churches are being organized, and (2) where local financing cannot be obtained reasonably, the division will make loans as it is able.

The loans will not exceed $1,000,000 for 20 years, and they are made for the "going rate" of interest based on current economic conditions and sound business principles.

"Mostly our rate of interest is determined by the rate we are required to pay for funds we borrow," Kilgore said.

Currently that rate is 8½ percent, but the division does not charge for its services.

Kilgore stressed the fact that the present action will not alter the division's ability to serve the churches in the newer areas.

Organized Church Losing In Britain

The "organized church" in Britain will disappear within 40 years if the present trend of decrease in church membership continues, cautioned one of Britain's leading Methodists.

Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the Methodist Conference, expressed this view in The Christian Citizen, a quarterly published by the denomination's Christian citizenship department.

"The mathematics of the situation are startlingly simple," Greet wrote. "A dwindling membership means the inevitable closure of churches and the reduction in the number of priests and ministers.

"It is possible to recognize that church membership and attendance are not synonymous with a living faith, yet feel a deep sense of concern at the break up of organized Christian religion."

Greet said the committed Christian can respond in only one way to a situation "about which he has every reason to be concerned but no reason at all to despair."

"God is God whatever happens," he continued. "But that being so the believer must go on the ask what God is saying to and requiring of his people through an era of apparent failure. An examination of the various elements affecting church attendance reveals a complex and often paradoxical situation. A church which is apparently dying is yet in many ways extraordinarily alive.

"It is, for example, more deeply aware of, and responsibile to, the scandal of poverty than it has ever been before. Many who seem to have rejected the church are deeply interested in religion.

"Some claim to see evidence of a real revival of religious experience in the world of pop culture and elsewhere. It is divorced from the church, it is not dependent on any dogma or creedal formulations, and it rejects any sort of external authority. But it is real and significant."

St. Amant To Ruschlikon Presidency

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — C Penrose St. Amant, professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, was elected president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in a meeting here.

Dr. St. Amant

According to a recommendation approved by the board, St. Amant will take office next summer, after completing his current teaching commitment to Southern Seminary. He will be professor of church history as well as president at Ruschlikon Seminary.

His election is expected to be rati-

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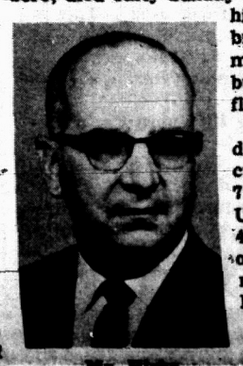
Last Call For Tom Lester Rally

Tom Lester, well-known television actor and outspoken exponent of the Christian faith, who will be the principal honoree on Tom Lester Day in Jackson Thursday, Aug. 26 in the Mississippi Coliseum, is seen as "Eb" (at left) with one of the other characters in the Green Acres TV series. The Coliseum Rally is set for 8 p.m. He is a native of Laurel and a member of the First Baptist Church of that city.

Waynesboro Pastor Dies In Accident

Rev. Eldie Francis Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waynesboro, died early Sunday Aug. 22 when his car hit a bridge abutment and burst into flames.



Mr. Hicks

The accident occurred about 7:40 a.m. on U. S. Highway 45, just south of the Waynesboro City limits.

Mr. Hicks was going to his church after having coffee at a restaurant when he hit the Patton Creek bridge.

A coroner's jury, headed by Wayne County Coroner Pat Grimm, ruled ac-

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Plans Set For Conservative Presbyterian Denomination

WATERVILLE, N. C. (RNS)—Conservative members of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) have announced plans to form a new denomination "loyal to the Scripture and to the Reformed faith."

The Rev. Donald B. Patterson, chairman of the independent evangelical group Presbyterian Churchmen United (PCU), made the announcement here at the annual Journal Day, a gathering of conservatives supporting the Presbyterian Journal, an unofficial weekly.

The new venture, he said, is being undertaken by four groups — PCU, the Journal's board of directors, the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, and Concerned Presbyterians.

Mr. Patterson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Miss., also announced that he had been selected as chairman of a 12-member steering committee "charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing a plan for continuation of a Presbyterian Church loyal to the Scriptures and the Reformed faith."

The Rev. James Baird, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Gadsden, Ala., is vice-chairman of the steering committee, and the Rev. Kennedy Smart, pastor of the West End Presbyterian church in Hopewell, Va., was named secretary.

The committee has four lay members — Kenneth S. Keyes of Miami, a retired realtor who is president of Concerned Presbyterians; W. Jack Williamson of Greenville, Ala., an attorney who is secretary of Concerned Presbyterians; Stephen A. White of Mebane, N. C., who is chairman of the Journal's board of directors, and Judge Leon Hendrick of Jackson, Miss., another member of Concerned Presbyterians.

Mr. Patterson said the four groups

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Appoints 22 Missionaries

FMB Asks Nixon-Cauthen Meet

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting during an annual foreign mission conference here, named 22 new missionaries and reported 244 commitments by conferees regarding Christian life and work.

Two couples with Mississippi connections were among the appointees.

The board heard Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen report on the impact on missions of President Richard Nixon's recent announcement concerning national fiscal policy and his proposed trip to Red China.

Board members unanimously requested a meeting between President Nixon and Cauthen to discuss the President's visit to Peking and U. S. -Chinese relationship as they may affect Southern Baptist work in Asia.

It was suggested that a meeting be sought at the President's earliest convenience and that the assistance of Evangelist Billy Graham might be enlisted in setting up the proposed meeting.

In other action, the board appropriated funds for relief of Pakistani refugees in India and for relief work in Chile. Also it elected C. Penrose St. Amant of Louisville, Ky., president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Commenting on President Nixon's newly implemented economic measures, Cauthen said that they will have far - reaching effects on mission fields as the amount of local currency received for a U. S. dollar goes down.

"We will undoubtedly receive from missions throughtout the world requests for adjustments as they feel the pressure of reduced funds," Cauthen said.

"At this point, however, . . .it would not be advisable to begin recommending additional appropriations for individual countries until the full effect of this can be tallied," he added.

About the President's proposed trip to Red China, Cauthen told the board members that "we must undergrid out President and those close to

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Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Nabors

Rev. and Mrs. William Roberts

HMB Ends Crisis Committee

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here discontinued its "committee on national crisis" appointed following the adoption of "A Statement on the Crisis in the Nation" by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1968.

"There is still a crisis in our nation," the committee told the board. "We have far from finished the job."

The committee felt, however, that the Home Mission Board should continue to relate to critical national programs and standing committee.

Suggesting that its responsibility could best be implemented through the agency's programs and standing committees, the crisis committee requested that it be discontinued.

"The Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention must continue to express themselves in meaningful and innovative avenues of service and ministry if the contributing factors to crisis situations are to ever be permanently remedied," chairman Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., reported.

The action authorized the mission board administration to make a staff group responsible for including appropriate responses to critical national problems.

In its final report to the agency, the committee reviewed its three - year effort toward easing national crises.

Immediately following the action by the convention in Houston, the committee issued a statement drafted by Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge to explain the biblical basis for the statement.

"This preamble made a significant contribution," the committee said, "to a more adequate understanding of the motivation and purpose behind the adoption of the crisis statement."

The statement adopted by the convention in Houston in 1968 began by stating: "Our nation is enveloped in a social and cultural revolution. We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom. There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compell Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgement of God."

The statement concluded with four recommendations, including one which requested the SBC Home Mission Board "to take the leadership in working with the convention agencies concerned with the problems related to this crisis. . . ."

Since that action, the committee told the board that it had engaged in dialogue with minority groups in Atlanta and Harlem, visited innovative programs sponsored in Philadelphia and New York City and worked with Southern Baptist agency personnel to implement the convention's request.

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sion. While we did not meet all of our missionaries or see all of our work (there are over 400 Baptist churches in South Korea) we did meet many and saw much.

Mrs. Ramsay and I left Korea with grateful hearts for the dedication of our missionary personnel and for the opportunity of sharing their ministry for a few days. Certainly our prayers and financial support of these 'committed ones' should receive our first and constant attention.

"A Pivotal Point"

Our next stop was Hong Kong, one of the most crowded spots on the earth (4,000,000 people), and one of critical importance to the spread of the gospel. Located on the South China coast adjacent to mainland China with its eight hundred million people, this British Crown Colony is literally jammed and packed with people. Imagine an apartment complex housing 56,000! At present there is another complex under construction that will accommodate 80,000. Its free access to all of the Orient makes it perhaps the shopping center of the Far East. Thus the traffic in and out of Hong Kong is extremely heavy. What a strategic place to have an effective witness for our Lord! Indeed the fields are white unto harvest.

The Foreign Mission Board is carrying on an excellent ministry there through a staff of seventy-six missionaries, fifty-six Baptist churches with a membership of 40,000. The Baptist college has an enrolment of 3,000, the seminary has forty-eight students and there is a Baptist hospital with one hundred and fifteen beds. Of course there are many native pastors.

Inflation is taking its toll. Greater pressures are being created which will necessitate additional funds for Southern Baptists to maintain the present level of efficiency to say nothing about expanding the work. For example, next year it will cost $10,000 more than the year before for the children of our missionaries to attend the public schools in Hong Kong. This we must not lose sight of in promoting the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

"Unto The Uttermost Parts"

On our way to Bangkok, Thailand, we flew over South Viet Nam. An Oriental stepped up to me while I was taking pictures of this country from the window of the airplane at seven miles up, and said with a bite in his voice, "Defoliated." I got the message—America in fighting for the freedom of Southeast Asia has created an image of herself that is quite negative. Somehow we have failed to communicate our true motive; and this in itself will make it even more difficult to advance the cause of Christ.

We found Bangkok, with its two and one-half million people, indeed a strange city. The signs of paganism were rampant, and here our missionaries find solid resistance to the gospel of Christ. But some progress is being made. The most impressive experience we had while in Thailand was a visit out in the country to preach in a little church which met in a home. Rev. Robert Stewart, who is in charge of the Baptist Student Center in Bangkok, invited us to go with him on a Thursday evening to the Bang Plee Nof Baptist Church. We traveled thirty miles by car and five by boat up a klong.

We were reminded of the biblical expression, "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Brother Stewart first taught the children. Then the song service. And how these Orientals can sing! With ten children and eight adults plus six Americans present, we spoke of God's love for those who appeared to be the least in His Kingdom but precious in His sight. A Buddhist woman held up her hand when the question was asked, "How many of you will place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?" She was the only unbeliever present. From heaven's view this one little church makes all our efforts in Thailand worthwhile.

"The Cry of Calcutta"

In planning the preaching mission Dr. Joe Underwood of the Foreign Mission Board, said concerning Calcutta, India, "You ought to visit Calcutta, you will never want to go there again, and you will never forget having been there." But frankly we were not prepared for what we saw.

There is a curious unreality about it all. Human conditions of such severity and scope are so far removed from America that even when we read about it in the daily press or view it on television, we simply do not grasp its reality. Arriving at the Dum Dum International Airport at three o'clock in the morning, the first thing that shocked us was the sight of two small children begging. You can guess our normal response. What are these children doing up at this time of night? Where are their rresponsible parents? How little we knew and how poorly we understood!

Calcutta is a city of seven million people with 100,000 sleeping on the hard pavement every night. Seventy-five percent of the city is without a sewage system and consequently the stench is devastating. Rats are rampant consuming one fourth of the grain shipped in. Some sixty percent are unemployed or underemployed, and the destitute from the small villages and the refugees from East Pakistan arrive every day. Starvation is claiming the lives of thousands. Men work in harness like animals. It was hard for our minds to comprehend what our eyes beheld.

At ten o'clock in the morning we walked down the streets photographing those still asleep or in various stages of starvation. Many lie down on their concrete beds at night and never awake in the morning. One Indian leader when asked what he would do if he were mayor of the city said, "Buy six feet of wire and hang myself."

Too long we have failed to hear the cry of the man of Calcutta, as the Macedonian man said in days of old, "Come over and help us." How can we ever forget what the Apostle Paul had to say about being in debt to all men?

"A Bright Spot In a Dark Land"

Our major opportunity and responsibility was a full week of preaching and teaching in Bangalore, the capital of the State of Mysore in South India. There we had the unusual privilege of working with three medical missionary couples: Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hellinger, and Dr. and Mrs. John H. Wikman.

Under the leadership of these capable men and women the work in this city of one and one half million has made unusual progress. In the brief time they have been there, they have organized seven Baptist churches and fifteen preaching points, and ministered to multitudes medically. Imagine the demand made upon these as they carry the heavy load of sermon preparation, church administration, and looking after the church members in addition to their medical responsibilities.

We arrived on Saturday afternoon and the following Sunday preached four times—at the Calvary Baptist Church, (English speaking) at the 10:30 service, where Dr. Wikman was in charge. Then went immediately with Dr. Hellinger to speak at a Baptist church in another section of the city. We had lunch at two o'clock and at four o'clock conducted another service at one of the preaching stations. At seven o'clock we preached again at the Calvary Baptist Church, where we were to speak each night the remainder of the week. Dr. Hellinger's son made a profession of faith on Sunday morning, and this was a portent of the response we were to receive throughout the week.

During the week clinics are held at the various Baptist churches and at a shed on the grounds where the Baptist hospital is being constructed. The crowds would range from one hundred and fifty to two hundred plus. Patiently they would wait their turn to see a Doctor. One day the physicians saw 220 persons. This was our unusual opportunity to reach to these dear people, to relate the love of the true God as manifested in the ministry of these medical men. This was a living illustration before their eyes of God's great love as expressed in the coming of Christ.

About fifty yards away from the clinic building there was a small Hindu temple which cannot be removed for the effect it would have on the people. What a contrast between the crude temple which degrades all who kneel at the door (too small to enter) and God's noble servants who are living examples of men and women who worship and serve the Living Saviour. In this land of darkness there are bright spots where the true light is shining.

"A Home Set Apart"

When we left Bangalore we were ready to come home. It was difficult to revive our interest in the sight-seeing. Our cup was full and running over. After a few days in Old and New Delhi we came on to Rome, Italy. We had seen so much suffering in India and the culture was so different that arriving in Western Europe was like being home again.

Madrid was our final stop before arriving in New York. Rev. James Buie gave us a bird's eye view of our Baptist work in Spain. The thing that impressed us most was a visit to a Mrs. Cato's home out beyond the bounds of this city of four million.

She had found Christ as her Saviour, and she had invited Rev. Buie and the native pastors to come and set her home apart in a special service to be a center for the preaching of the gospel. She wanted her home to be used as a place where she could invite unbelievers in each week to hear about Christ. This is like the New Testament days. Brother Buie's responsibility will be to provide a speaker each week for this preaching station, or go himself. It is our prayer that out of this home will come a strong church to channel the gospel to a lost world.

"Seeing Is Believing"

While Mrs. Ramsay and I will make every effort possible to share with our people at home, both at the local church and wherever invited, what we witnessed in the superb qualifications and dedication of our missionaries and the innumerable multitudes of lost people (more than 400,000,000 in India alone who have never heard the name of Jesus) we cannot fully tell the whole story or even convey what we have experienced. But we will never be the same. We wish all Southern Baptists could see for themselves. Then our corporate Christian living and our support of missions would move to higher and loftier levels of concern and commitment.

President Accepts Gideon Bible

President Richard M. Nixon receives the 100 Millionth copy of the Gideon Bible in a presentation at the White House by the newly-elected president of Gideon's International, W. R. Davenport (center), president of Campbellsville College (Baptist), Campbellsville, Ky. Also participating in the presentation was M. A. Henderson, executive director of Gideons International, who told the president of the dramatice conversion of Carl E. Bates, now president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the age of 18 as a suicide-bent bell-hop at a New Orleans hotel. (BP) photo.

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The committee also sponsored a film strip entitled, "National Crisis—Patterns of Response," and distributed it to mission personnel throughout the convention and sold through Baptist book stores.

It also reported that upon its recommendation the board during the past three years had authorized a $1 million church loan fund for ethnic groups.

In addition, the board desposited $100,000 from its reserve funds in a minority - owned bank gave $1,000 in "seed money" to a New Jersey group providing adequate housing for economically - deprived persons, contributed $10,000 to the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) sponsored by Baptist minister Leon Sullivan of Philadelphia for job training of the hard - core unemployed, and set up scholarships for trainees in the Urban Training Center in Chicago.

In addition, the agency gave assistance to the SBC President for improving relations with the presidents of three National black Baptist Conventions.

The committee led in the adoption of a statement of concern and prayer regarding the Vietnam War and asked the SBC Committee on Boards to give representation to minority groups on SBC boards of trustees.

In closing its final statement the committee said, "We must reaffirm our commitment to the Lordship of Christ and minister to the total needs of all men, especially here in our nation."

North American Lutherans Lose In Membership

NEW YORK (RNS) — Membership in North American Luthern Churches dropped about 47,000 in 1970, but there are still more than 9 million Lutherans in the U. S. and Canada, according to reports audited by the Lutheran Council in the U. S. A.

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fied by the trustees of the Ruschlikon seminary, which has been without a president since missionary John D. W. Watts returned to the United States for furlough last summer. Watts is visiting professor of Old TESTAMENT AT Southern Seminary.

The board's action on St. Amant came during the board's semi - annual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. He and his wife were employed by the agency as missionary associates. They were one of 11 couples assigned to overseas posts.

St. Amant has been David T. Porter Professor of Church History at Southern Seminary since 1959. During his first 12 years at Southern he was also dean of the School of Theology. He resigned the deanship in 1969 to return to full - time teaching.

He spent the 1970-71 school year on sabbatical leave teaching at the seminary in Ruschlikon and studying church history at the University of Zurich.

Before joining the faculty of Southern Seminary, St. Amant taught at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 16 years. Earlier he had taught religion for a year at Hannibal - LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.

A native of Gonzales, La., he received the bachelor of arts degree his first 10 years at Southern he was from Louisiana College, Pineville; the master of Arts degree from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; the master of thtology and doctor oh theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary; ade the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scothland.

He has studied at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York and at the University of Paris (Sorbonne), where he served on the Protestant Theological Faculty of Paris.

Louisiana College and Mercer University, Maca, Ga., have granted him honorary degrees.

For four years he was chairman of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. St. Amant is the former Jessie Davis of Brownsville, Tenn. Before their marriage in 1945 and for a short time afterward, she was secretary to the superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

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involved had reached "a consensus to accept the apparent inevitability of division in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. caused by the program of the radical ecumenists."

In addition to their hostility to the National Council of Churches, conservative members of the denomination have frequently expressed their opposition to current proposals to merge the Church with the United Presbyterian Church, and to its participation in the Consultation on Church Union, the plan to merge nine Protestant denominations.

When Concerned Presbyterians was organized here during the 1964 Journal Day, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, executive editor of the conservative journal Christianity Today, told some 500 persons at the event that "we are not met to form an organization that is out to split the Church."

But by 1968 Mr. Keyes was stating that a split was "bound to happen within the next few years." And in remarks last November deploring the "rebellious" and "divisive" activities of conservatives the Rev. William A. Benfield, Jr., moderator of the Church's General Assembly, said that he felt a schism was inevitable.

This past April the executive committees of Presbyterian Churchmen United, Concerned Presbyterians, and the Journal issued a call for a realignment of Presbyterianism to allow for the creation of a "fervently evangelistic Church, faithful to the Bible, the Reformed faith, and Presbyterian polity."

Division became certain, in the eyes of some observers, when conservatives lost on a key issue at the denomination's General Assembly at Massanetta Springs, Va., in June. By a vote of 217-207 the Assembly approved a restructuring proposal that conservatives opposed. The objection was that it was designed to realign presbyteries in the interest of gaining the approval of the three-fourths of them required for the merger with the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Patterson's announcement here that the steering committee had been formed brought a standing ovation from some 500 people attending from 14 states.

Members of the committee, in addition to the officers and the laymen, [illegible] well, Va., founder and executive of Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship; the Rev. John E. Richards of Macon, Ga., a leading figure in Presbyterian Churchmen United; the Rev. John R. Richardson of Atlanta, a retired pastor; the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, editor of the Journal, and the Rev. Ben Wilkinson of Decatur, Ga., an evangelist of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship.

Waynesboro Pastor Dies

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cidental auto death.

Mr. Hicks was driving a new Buick sedan given to him recently by close friends as an expression of their love and appreciation.

Hicks had [illegible] Baptist Church as pastor, first from 1943 to 1955.

He returned to the church in November 1961 and had continued to serve until his death.

Between his years at Waynesboro he was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Magee, and he had held other pastorates in years.

During the years he led the Waynesboro church much progress and improvement had been made.

These included acquisition of property adjoining the church, remodeling the chapel, adding a children's building, buying a home for the minister of music, building a new pastor's home, installing a new organ. In the last decade the budget had increased from $48,000 to $72,000, and new records were set in Sunday School and church attendance.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Dee Rose; two sons, Rev. David L. Hicks, Oxford, and Amp F. Hicks, Waynesboro; one daughter, Miss Johnnie Kay Hicks, Houston, Texas; a grandson, Grant, the son of Rev. David L. Hicks, a brother, Col. Louie Hicks, University of Kentucky, Murray, and a sister, Mrs. Harold Gorham, Paducah, Ky.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the First Baptist Church, of Waynesboro, with Dr. J. Clark Hensley, of Jackson, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, officiating. Burial was on Tuesday in Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. Hicks had been active in denominational life. He served for six years as a member of the Christian Action Commission and was its chairman when he was rotated off the Commission recently.

Mr. Hicks was a member of the Convention's Pioneer Missions Committee and had served several times as a member of the State Convention Board. He delivered the Convention sermon in 1962.

He was active in civic life, being a member of Rotary International.

Mr. Hicks held a B. A. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and a Th.M. from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Hicks was born in Paducah, Ky., and ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Immanuel Baptist Church of that city.

New Associate Student Director Moves To USM

Eli F.(Skip) Noble, Jr., education director, Central Church, Phenix City, Alabama, has resigned in order to accept the position of associate director of the Baptist Student Union, University of Southern Mississippi.

Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr. is director of student work at USM.

Mr. Noble

Mr. Noble began his work in Mississippi on August 19. A native of Baton Rouge, La., he is a graduate of LSU, and has a Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

While in LSU he was very active in Baptist student work. He served one summer as a missionary in California. In Phenix City, he has been with the Central Church for two years.

Twenty-eight and single, he will live in the house juse behind the Baptist Student Center at the university.

Parnell Is Ordained

Calvary Church, Batesville, Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor, was filled Sunday afternoon, August 15, as many friends and relatives of Allen Bert Parnell were present to witness his ordination to the gospel ministry.

Mr. Parnell, native of Panola County, is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parnell, Sardis. He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. For the past four years he has been employed in banking in Batesville, his most recent position being that of assistant vice-president of the Bank of Batesville. This year he has been nominated to appear in the 1971 edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America.**

For the past months, Mr. Parnell has been serving the Green River Church, Tunica County, and Sarah Church, Tate County. He is now entering New Orleans Seminary where he will be studying for the Master's degree in theology.

You can't take your money to heaven with you, but you can send it on ahead.

Historical Commission Names Tonks New Research Director

NASHVILLE (BP) — Alfred Ronald Tonks, assistant professor of history at Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, has been named research director for the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here.

Mr. Tonks

Tonks, 37, is a graduate of Southern Seminary, where he earned the doctor of theology and master of theology degrees.

He did his doctoral dissertation and masters' thesis on the history of the Home Mission Board, (1845-1882), and on the history of Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington and Western Canada.

In addition, Tonks has been commissioned to write the history of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana by that convention's Executive Board.

A native of Canada, he has been pastor in Montreal and in Williams, Ind.

He was a graduate teaching fellow at Southern Seminary from 1963-67, working with C. Penrose St. Amant.

His election was announced by Patterson and by Lynn E. May, executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission who previously was research director for the commission.

One reason why some people don't talk much about their religion is they don't have much to talk about.

A task worth doing and **friends** worth having make life worth living.

BMC Benefactor, Mrs. Paschal, Dies

On Monday, August 9, Rosa Lee Price Paschal, formerly of Cato, Walnut Grove, and Jackson, died at 86.

Mrs. Paschal, her husband, the late J. J. Paschal; their daughters, Valentine Paschal Curlin, Marion, Ark.; and Rosalie Paschal Hull, Darien, Conn.; their daughter-in-law, Edith Taylor Paschal, Brandon; their granddaughter, Rosemary Hull Mace, New York, N. Y.; and their son, Price Paschal of Brandon, have been devotees of Blue Mountain College for many years, all serving as loyal and consistent benefactors to the cause of Christian education.

Rosa Lee Price Paschal was born January 14, 1885, near Cato, Miss. From 1902 until 1905 she was a student at Blue Mountain College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Paschal were married in 1906 and for sixty-four years worked together in civic and religious activities. Mrs. Paschal served in numerous leadership roles of the church and taught an Adult Sunday School class many years. She was a trustee of Blue Mountain College for six years; she served as president of the Central Mississippi Chapter of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association; and in 1968 she received the Master of Quality Award from BMC in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the field of Christian homemaking.

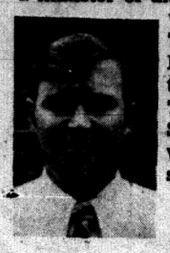
On September 13, 1970, the new Student Union Building at Blue Mountain was named and dedicated the "Paschal Student Center," for Mrs. Paschal and her late husband.

Names In The News

Rev. O. R. Delmar, of Casper, Wyoming, area missionary for Wyoming, in the Northern Plains Convention, is planning a trip to Mississippi for the latter part of August and early September in interest of gaining support for a Mississippi minister who is considering moving to a remote area of Wyoming to lead in our Southern Baptist work there. Full details of the visit will be given as soon as it is available. (We have known Bro. Delmar for many years, and he is a splendid, dedicated Southern Baptist leader—Ed.)

Rev. James DuBose has resigned as pastor of Crossroads Church, Rankin County, to enter Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. A recent graduate of Mississippi College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. DuBose, Sr., 548 Lawrence Rd., Jackson, Mrs. DuBose is the former Marcel Allen of McCalls Creek, daughter of Mrs. Bud Allen and the late Mr. Allen. They have three sons, Ben, 12, Allen, 10, and Willard, 5. Willard, who is deaf, will enter the Briarcliff School in North Kansas City, which has oral education for the deaf. He has attended Magnolia Speech School in Jackson for the past three years.

Edwin J. Deuschle, 1st Lt. (Ret) was licensed Aug. 15 to be a minister of the Gospel, by Calvary Church, Tupelo, Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor. Graduate of Tupelo High School, and University of Mississippi, he has served more than two years in the Armed Forces, having been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star for his bravery in action while serving as a platoon leader with the 101st Airbone Division in the Demilitarized Zone of South Vietnam. Mr. Deuschle is now enrolled at Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Rita Fraiser of Jackson. They have one son, Eddie II, sixteen months old.



Two new staff members have been added at the Westview Church, Jackson. **Paul Lee**, a teacher in the Flora public school system, will assume his duties as Minister of Youth on August 30. Mr. Lee is a native of Tupelo, and a graduate of Mississippi College. The new minister of music is **Alan Stephens** who will assume his duties on August 29. He is a native of Natchez and is a senior at Mississippi College. **Michael L. Smith** has served the church as minister of music and youth for the past two years. He will begin his duties in the same capacity at First Church, Crystal Springs, on August 29. The minister, **Dr. L. Frank Campbell**, retired because of his health on July 6, after serving the church for seventeen years.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, organized 26 years ago as the female department of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has named a new president and completed its trend toward male liberation. **Bobby E. Parker**, 46, a vice president of the college since 1969, was elected by the trustees to succeed **William G. Tanner**, newly elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. A week earlier the trustees voted to make Mary Hardin-Baylor completely co-educational.

Allen Hill has resigned his position as minister of music and youth at Collins Church, to accept the position of minister of music in First Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana. He has served at Collins for 14 months. Prior to Collins, he served as minister of music and youth at Pine Grove Church, Route 2, Picayune, and Roseland Park, Picayune.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Morris, missionaries who are on furlough from Thailand, may now be addressed at 1020 Village Green Court, Lilburn, Ga. 30247. She is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Miss Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, arrived July 30 for furlough in the States (address: Sunset Acres, Apt. 62, Bogalusa, La. 70427). A native of Mississippi, Miss Emmons was born in Lake.

Mrs. James R. Barron, missionary to Ghana, is currently on emergency leave in the States (address: 12 Frances St., Newport News, Va. 23601). Mr. Barron joined his wife, Aug. 4 for regular furlough. Barron was born and reared near Clarksville, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., missionaries to Ethiopia, were scheduled to arrive July 21 for furlough in the States. July 24 through Aug. 24 they may be addressed at Box 235, Hollandale, Miss. 38478, and afterward at 600 Woodard, Houston, Tex. 77009. Mrs. Cannata is the former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Erwin, missionary appointees, were scheduled to depart Aug. 2 for their first term of service in Brazil (address: Caixa 679, 13100 Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil).

Robert Tischer has returned to the State (address: Rt. 4, Box 128-B, Starkville, Miss. 39759) after completing a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in the Philippines.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon, missionary appointees to Malaysia-Singapore, are the parents of a second child, Bradley Truett, born July 25. A Mississippian, Golmon was born in Franklin County and lived in Moss Point during much of his early life. Mrs. Golmon is the former Angelyn Deaton of Jackson, Tenn. They may be addressed at J-4 Seminary Village, Louisville, Ky. 40207.

First Church, New Albany has called Rev. Ronnie Prevost as pastor of their Clark Street Mission. Ronnie is from Hazlehurst and a recent graduate of Miss. College. He has served the past three months as youth director of First, New Albany.

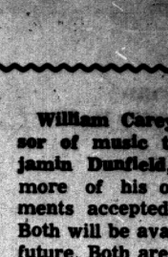
William Curtis Ferrell, son of the Rev. and Mrs. William H. Ferrell, missionaries to Argentina, is to be married to **Miss Deanie Bolls** on Aug. 28 at the Powell Chapel of Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, Miss. Young Ferrell is a senior at Mississippi College, Clinton. His missionary parents are both Mississippi natives.

Mary Margaret Dunaway became the bride of Dr. Gerald Wilton Dooley recently in a ceremony at Inglewood Church, Nashville, Tenn. She is the daughter of **Rev. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway** and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunaway of McComb. Her parents, former missionaries to Nigeria, are now serving in Rhodesia. The bride's father officiated at the ceremony in Nashville, but he and his family returned to Rhodesia August 7. The groom, son of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Dooley of Bowling Green, Ky., is a professor at Belmont College.

William Carey College professor of music theory, Dr. Benjamin Dunfield, has had two more of his original arrangements accepted for publication. Both will be available in the near future. Both are Moravian tunes: "Hosanna!" is a festival anthem, scored for double chorus and organ, with optional brass and persussion; "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" is a hymn-anthem for chorus and organ.

Miss Auris Pender, emeritus missionary who served almost 34 years in China, Hong Kong, Hawaii and Singapore, has returned to the States after completing a year's assignment as interim treasurer of the Malaysia - Singapore Mission. She may now be assigned at 520 S. Natchez St., Kosciusko, Miss. 39090. Miss Pender is a native of Attala County, Miss.

Bill Roberts, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Roberts of Jackson, is the new minister of music at River Oaks Church, Houston, Texas, Dr. Bill G. West, pastor. He is a graduate of Provine High School and "grew up" in Parkway Church, Jackson. While a student at Houston Baptist College he was interim minister of music at River Oaks in 1969. He has also served as minister of music at Cloverleaf Church, Houston, and First Church, El Campo, Texas, and last year taught school in Houston. He is married to the former Carolyn Belote, daughter of missionaries to Hong Kong, Dr. and Mrs. James Belote.



Foreign Mission Board Asks For President Nixon-Baker Cauthen Meeting

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him in policy - making matters with prayer. . ."

Catuen cautioned that it would be premature to conclude that "the opening of doors to Red China for missionary work is near at hand." Asserting that Southern Baptists stand ready to cooperate with Chinese Christians on the mainland . . .if that door should become fully opened, we would face a very great missionary challenge," Cauthen said.

He called for intercessory prayers on the part of Christian people everywhere "that the day may come when there shall be freedom in China to witness to the love of our Lord and to serve in his name."

Cauthen reminded the board members that Southern Baptists must continue their work among the many Chinese people living in other countries of Southeast Asia, where there are many open opportunities to witness.

"Ultimately, we believe that from these places there will go back to China many who will be able to share in the ministry of the Word," Cauthen said.

Southern Baptist missionaries in East Pakistan have been requested to help build 200 houses in a village that was destroyed recently, according to John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

Funds are available and the Baptist Mission in East Pakistan will probably move ahead with the building project, Hughey said.

The board appropriated a second $10,000 for relief of Pakistani refugees, having allocated an additional $10,000 for that purpose in July.

Hughey told the members that the Pakistan mission will brobably call for about $50,000 within the next few weeks for relief work in East Pakistan.

A missionary in that country told Hughey: "We believe all is not lost and there are possibilities here. Tell Southern Baptist to pray for Eeat Pakistan and to send help."

Hughey said that a UN state department spokesman to whom he talked expressed confidence in Indian officials administering relief to Pakistani refugees in their country and that large scale relief would be underway in East Pakistan itself very soon.

C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, was elected president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Twenty - two new personnel were added to the board's overseas staff during an evening service in the Glorieta Baptist Assembly auditorium, bringing the number of career missionaries appointed and missionary associates employed this year to 119. In addition, 67 missionary journeymen were commissioned for two-year terms in July.

A Mississippi couple and a former Mississippian, are among the 22 missionaries appointed by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Nabors of Smithville will go to Gaza where he will serve as business manager for the Southern Baptist mission there.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roberts will go to Japan where he will promote church music for Baptists of the entire nation.

Mr. Nabors graduated from Mississippi State and served three years in the U. S. Army, with a tour of duty in Okinawa. He later worked for several firms in Mississippi and Tennessee, including the Nabors Funeral Home in Smithville. He also operated an insurance agency in Amory before joining the staff of Gilmore Memorial Hospital, Amory, where he served as business manager for a year and a half before entering the seminary to prepare for missionary appointment.

Mrs. Nabors is the former Marilyn Swift of Pemiscot County, Mo. A graduate of Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, with a major in music, she also studied voice at Southwestern at Memphis (Tenn.).

She has been music director and organist at Smithville Baptist Church and has given private piano and voice lessons in Amory and Smithville since 1965. She taught sixth grade in Amory for two years, having previously taught public school music in Memphis, Caruthersville, Mo., and Crawfordsville, Ark.

As a college student Mrs. Nabors taught private piano lessons in the public schools of Ripley, Miss. Later she was part - time youth and music director at First Baptist Church, Hayti, Mo.

The Nabors' son, Freddie, is nearly 9, and their daughter, Susan Jo-Beth, 7 months.

Roberts is a native of Alabama and last served as minister of music in Palatka, Fla. He served as minister of music and youth in other churches in Alabama and Florida. Mrs. Roberts is the former Patricia Barr of Cleveland, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Mississippi College. She served as a summer missionary in New Mexico for one summer before entering New Orleans Seminary. She also taught school in Alabama and Florida. The Roberts have two children, Lynette, 6 and Billy, 5.

Both couples have been in New Orleans Seminary during the past year or more, completing requirements for missionary appointment.

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Myrtis Stephens, Mrs. G. J. (Belle Stroud Everett) and Mr. Everett. Rev. O. C. Ladnier, standing.

Simpson County Baptists Plan Missions Building

Simpson County Baptist Association through its Executive Committee voted on June 13 to construct an association missions building which would provide office space for the superintendent of missions and the secretary, a work room, conference and prayer room, a large lobby, rest rooms, a kitchenette, storage room and assembly room. Details call for the building to be erected on a concrete slab with vinyl asbestos floors, prefinished paneling, brick veneer, and centrally heated and air conditioned.

Mrs. Myrtis Stephens (pictured), Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Walters, and Mrs. Duke of First Church, Magee, have donated a site of land located in Weathersby on U.S. Highway 49 for the building. This is ideally located from the standpoints of the location of the majority of the churches and easy accessibility to all the churches.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Everett of Magee (also pictured with Rev. O. C. Ladnier, pastor, First, Magee, standing) believing that the assembly space provided for in the plan originally adopted was too small, have pledged over six thousand dollars, making possible a revision of the plan to provide for an assembly room 36 x 44 feet in dimension. The overall dimensions of the building will be 36 x 75 feet.

Sunday, August 15, was observed by the churches as a day of prayer for associational missions and special building fund day. A number of the churches have accepted goals of $1.00 per resident church member. The overall goal for the day was $8,000.

The plan calls for a contract to be let for the "Black-in" of the building, and the completion of it with competent, supervised volunteer labor. Target date for completion of the building with equipment and furnishings fully paid for is October 1, 1972.

Rev. J. A. McCain is moderator, H. Wilkin Mangum is chairman of the Missions Committee, and Rev. R. A. Tullos, superintendent of associational missions.

Alabama Calls Griffin

Chapel Hill Church, Washington County, Alabama, has called as pastor Rev. Lester L. Griffin of Quitman.

While living in Quitman, in Clarke Association, Mr. Griffin was interim pastor of East Pleasant Grove, pastor of Knights Valley, pastor of Bethel and interim pastor of Hebron Ridge.

Mr. Griffin is married to the former Helen I. Tims; they have a son, William, also a daughter, Patricia. Both children will attend the Millry School, Millry, Ala. The Griffins' address: Route I, Box 236-A, Buckatunna, Miss. 39322; phone 846-2626, Millry, Ala.)

7,000 Miles Through Siberia

'Jesus Revolution' In Russia Too!

A Russian-born evangelist who recently returned from an extensive preaching mission throughout the Soviet Union says the signs are unmistakable young people are turning to Christ in increasing numbers.

"A spiritual vacuum exists after 54 years of red rule," says the Rev. Andrew Semenchuk, West Coast Representative for the Chicago - based Slavic Gospel Association and director of its Russian Bible Institute in Buenos Aires. "Youth in Russia can't demonstrate in their police state, but they are not hiding their search for spiritual fulfillment."

He said they're curious about life and death, unwilling to be only a cog in the socialist machinery. Semenchuk explained: "Everywhere we traveled we saw the government's counter propaganda in the form of a Leninist personality cult. There are signs reading, 'Lenin is the light of our new world,' or 'Lenin lives!' or 'Communism supplies our daily bread.' "

Semenchuk reached the steppes of Novosibirsk in his 7,000 - mile trip through the U. S. S. R. where he preached in the only evangelical church — a congregation of 1,400 members — serving a city of a million people.

There are Communist books, he said, on such subjects as The Revolution and Its Moral Mission, and similar subjects "attempting to show that the Red government is after all interested in the individual too."

The Slavic leader said it is a mistake to lump all evangelical believers into an "underground movement." "Such secrecy is impossible in a police state with an extensive spy system and an infiltration program both in the registered and the unregistered churches. My Russian brothers are meeting openly, paying the heavy fines on occasion and meeting outdoors when the are barred from halls."

He said young Russians who declare themselves believers cannot expect to receive university diplomas, are prohibited from the professions, and can expect to endure the constant surveillance that is so much a part of the spy system of the Soviets.

Rev. Semenchuk, representing the largest mission to Russians today, sings and preaches the gospel on many of its 80 weekly broadcasts to the Soviet Union. He also helps produce extensive literature in the Russian language, and participates in preaching missions. On this tour he traveled with Bill Winchell, director of TEAM Radio Station HLKX in Korea, with Mrs. Winchell and with Alex Kuvshinikov, former student of his in the Russian Bible Institute. They took in what scripture portions they could carry and urge all tourists to do the same. Half of it, however, was confiscated at the border. "We cannot be criminals and lie about what we carry," he said. "But they must find it themselves if they want to confiscate it.

"Contrary to what Red officials say — that only the superstitious illiterate and backward old timers believe in God (these were teen - agers 54 years ago when Communism was introduced!) One can see many 40-to 50-year-old people in the churches who were born and raised under communism," the Rev. Mr. Semenchuk said. "Youth choirs, young people playing in church orchestras and reciting Christian poetry are in evidence in all the churches. They jeopardize their future by participating in the services but they do it because they love Christ."

The traveling quartet of Christians was stopped constantly on the street by students wanting to practice their English — by far the most popular foreign tongue in Russia — and to discuss spiritual matters and moral values.

Miraculous Recovery

LARRY HUGHES, 24, has continually amazed doctors who said he couldn't live following an accident which severely injured his spine. Following the swimming accident in Malawi last November, the missionary - journeyman was brought to Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Hughes left the hospital recently able to walk with the aid of crutches. (BP Photo by David Clanton)

Music Publishers Might Sue Churches

GREEN LAKE, Wisc. (EP) — Representatives of two music publishing firms declare that it's against the law for churches to buy one copy of a church anthem and then use a reproducing machine to make enough copies for the entire choir.

Donald Hinshaw of Carl Fischer Co., New York, and Donald I. Marsh of Proclamation Productions, Port Jervis, N. Y. — both publishers of church music — told delegates to the Church Musicians Conference held here at the American Baptist Assembly ground, that the church daily was breaking one of the Ten Commandments.

The commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal." And now, say the publishers, it has a rider which says: "Thou shalt not keep someone from making a living."

Composers and writers can't make a living because of Xerox, they charge. "It is not only the individual who buys the single copy of music for reproduction but the institution of the church itself that makes copies," they said.

"If the public wants new and innovative church music, then the church and church people must support musicians by purchasing copies," said Mr. Marsh.

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EDITORIAL

An Evaluation Of The New Win Program

During the past week your editor attended the WIN school held at First Church, Jackson. WIN means Witness Involvement Now, and is the new Southern Baptist soul winning training program to be used in training lay members of the church in witnessing.

This program has long been in preparation, and seeks to incorporate the best ideas from the most effective witnessing programs being used by Baptists and other Christian groups. It was developed by the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, in cooperation with the state evangelism secretaries and the Sunday School Board. It was field tested in many churches before being released for use in churches all across the convention.

For the past several months the program has been available and now already has been used in many churches, including some in Mississippi. Because the program is so much more than a mere study course, it is being directed only by leaders who already have been trained in other similar schools, with the whole program under the direction of the state Director of Evangelism. When one participates in one of the schools he quickly sees why all of this detail is so necessary. This is a training program where individual Christians who never have attempted Christian witness are actually taught to do it, and those who have had previous witnessing experience learn new techniques and skills. Weeks of preparation are necessary before the school can be held.

The program is not as complicated as it sounds, but actually is very simple. It leads the Christian to carefully examine his own salvation experience, and to learn to share it with others. It teaches him the necessity of prayer and dedication in order to effectively tell others about Christ. It guides him in the use of a witnessing tool, a pamphlet, which clearly presents the plan of salvation and calls for a personal decision of repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The student is taught how to guide the new professed Christian to make his faith in Christ public, and to bring him to baptism and church membership.

The basic program is taught in five two hour sessions, including one in which teams go out for actual visiting of prospects. This is followed by 12 more weeks of training and visitation [illegible] night [illegible] sessions.

As we said in the beginning this is not another study course with students merely listening to a good teacher or studying a new book on soul winning. Each person attending actually participates in group activities each night and learns by doing. Then on Thursday evening all go out in teams of three to visit actual prospects and to use the things they have learned during the first three nights. One of the most thrilling parts of the week is the testimonies of those who have, for the first time, gone out to share their Christian experience with others.

Your editor attended this school, both to become acquainted with the program so that he could evaluate it for our readers, and also to learn to be a better witness himself. We feel that both goals were accomplished.

As we look back on this week we feel that this may be one of the answers to the slump in soul winning effectiveness which evidently has been experienced in the Southern Baptist Convention in the past few years. Our convention has seen a leveling off in the number of baptisms, and this is, perhaps, our best barometer of witnessing effectiveness. It appears from the statistics that we may not even be keeping up with winning those in our own church families. In other words, if we won all of the boys and girls in our church families, as they reach the age of accountability, we would be baptizing as many or more than we have been reporting in recent years. This can be considered as evidence of both of the spiritual condition of our churches, and of the need for new emphasis on witness.

Meanwhile, other groups such as Campus Crusade for Christ, and Youth for Christ; evangelists such as Billy Graham and others not so well known, but just as busy in holding meetings; radio and television witnesses such as Rex Humbard, or Ben Haden, and pastors in other denominations such as Presbyterian James Kennedy of Florida, have been preaching the message of Christ and winning souls. Now the nation has seen the new revival of the Jesus people and youth in the churches, and they too are winning multitudes to personal faith in Christ.

Southern Baptists rejoice and thank God for these who are witnessing for Christ and winning the lost, but recognize that their churches also must not fail in giving Christian witness and that they have not been as effective in this as the Lord commands. A study of the problem has revealed to leaders that perhaps our greatest weakness as a denomination has been in training and using lay witnesses, so the emphasis has been turned to that. That is the reason that the new WIN program has been developed.

WIN will not answer every need of Southern Baptists, for we must continue in preaching the gospel from our pulpits, in building great Sunday schools, in pastoral evangelism, in revivals, in deeper spiritual experiences, in consecration, etc. All of these are necessary if Southern Baptists are to see a new surge in evangelistic effectiveness. However, the new WIN program will, without question, be a mighty tool for use in the churches. It is not perfect, but perhaps is the most thorough and most effective program we yet have developed.

The program will be available for more and more churches in the state as leadership is trained. Pastors interested in providing it for their people [illegible] Mr. Collum and plan now for such training for their people. We hope that it will not be too long until it can be used in every church. According to Mr. Collum, area central schools already are scheduled or planned for all areas of the state. Associational leaders and pastors will be invited to these.

Guest Editorial
An Uncertain Note

By James A. Lester
In Baptist & Reflector (Tennessee)

Occasionally a story of some interest has a "sleeper" in it which is ignored. Such was the case recently in a story from Ridgecrest, North Carolina, concerning the meeting of the elected trustees of the Sunday School Board.

We have the highest regard for the administrative personnel of the Board and for the trustees of the Board—each a dedicated and consecrated Christian gentleman.

It was noted, with interest, that in the story which dealt with the fact that the Board voted to conform to the directive of the Southern Baptist Convention (**Baptist and Reflector**, July 29, 1971, page 5) with regard to rewriting of Volume One of the Broadman Bible Commentary, the vote was 34 to 21.

We might question the specific action of the convention. Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, in a recent guest editorial in **Baptist And Reflector** (June 17, 1971, page 4) noted some problems in communication which, to us, are valid. It would appear that some heard at all. Or, perhaps, all heard and understood exactly. We doubt the latter.

What we did find to be of great interest was the fact that [illegible] Board met to consider the convention's directive, and voted upon it, that 21 trustees voted against compliance with convention action! If the trumpet sounds an uncertain note, the call to arms could be mistaken for mess call. We do not quarrel with the trustees. We just noted with interest the vote!

RESCUE MEASURES FOR MANKIND

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Dr. Swor Announces Changes In Ministry

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Chester Swor, native Mississippian and long-time lay lecturer and counselor, has shared with your editor an interesting bit of information and permits the editor to share it with readers of BAPTIST RECORD.

Dear Dr. Odle:

As many friends have noted the greying of my hair and the slight dimunition of speed in my walking, and as they have remembered that they first heard me speak "forty years ago," they ask me rather solicitously, "What are your plans for the future?" Generally, I have given replies of somewhat teasing nature, but I am ready now to give a really serious reply.

Since I have always made my schedules to coincide with the school and college schedules, I am on the verge of beginning my final year of wide travel and speaking; for, in 1972, I shall reach the magic age of 65. When that notable time arrives, I shall feel that I shall not be selfish to plan to spend the remainder of my years in less arduous activities.

Retirement for me will not mean inactivity. It will mean these things: **first,** I shall not attempt to continue the really terrific schedules of travel and speaking which have been my lot for three decades; **second,** I shall have time for writing; **third,** I may [illegible] colleges from which such invitations have come; **fourth,** I shall be able to perform more personal service in helping people than my frenzied schedules heretofore have permitted.

I am sharing this news bit now for this reason: many Mississippians have been magnificent prayer supporters of my work through the years; and, knowing now that I am about to begin my final "full-fledged year" of wide travel and speaking, many of those friends will do for me a superlatively fine favor in praying daily for me and my work. . . With their praying and my working hard, this could be our best year.

Health [illegible] problem needs the sort of attention which only a lessened emotional involvement than my present work necessitates, and aye difficulties have come to the point that surgery is imperative within the coming year. A reduced schedule of intense responsibility will make possible the desirable medical attention involved. And if with Heaven's help through the doctors' skill I should recoup all of my erstwhile vigor, who knows: I may come back as strong at 80 as Moses was!

Chester E. Swor
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Jackson, Miss.

A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Cheerful Stewards

President's Nixon's economic measures didn't bother our household too much. We're accustomed to it. The President of our family has been pulling that sort of thing for all the 20-odd (no reflection on the character of our marriage) years we've been married.

Whenever the economy of our family has been threatened, whatever the source of danger, our President has announced a temporary rearrangement of our income and outgo, the reason being that a sound economy on any level requires a healthy balance of income and outgo, with a little "stayput."

It's a part of Christian stewardship that money be handled wisely. A Christian family should not jeopardize its testimony by unnecessary spending, unwise investment, [illegible] unpaid bills, all on habitual basis. Most Christian families have an occasional occurrence of these unhappy circumstances, but such should not be their way of life.

It is good if children in a family can understand finances in a Christian framework of what money is supposed to accomplish for the Christian family, including longterm plans that are shared, even with very small children. That way the youngsters find cooperation with money matters meaningful and purposeful instead of feeling "put upon" and "deprived" when some desire cannot be satisfied. Through the years our boys have heard such statements as "We're going to eat more peas than meat this month", and "Don't find any new clothes uptown that you can't live without for a few weeks" and "The gasoline bill has been too high lately—let's watch these trips."

Usually we're all very cooperative with our President, knowing the squeeze will soon ease (albeit only always temporarily!) One thing we can't seem to do much about is the telephone bill. This week James said, "Our phone bill is ridiculous when any of the boys are away." (They were all away for part of July.) I knew where the conversation [illegible] right. Just think how many parents wish their teenagers would call and let them know they are alive. As long as ours want to call, let them call. We will try not to talk so long, though." He did not put further "control" on our phone facilities.

My hat is off to Christian men who have the great ability (to say nothing of the nerve) to help their families be good stewards, and that begins by learning to use discipline where spending money is concerned.

It seems that somewhere sometime back we had a slogan or a saying to the effect that Christian missions waits on stewardship. If someone hasn't already said that, they should have. And home is where stewardship should begin—in the heart of a Daddy and a Mother. It should be lovingly lived—not grudgingly or of necessity, but cheerfully.

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NEWEST BOOKS

Outstanding Commentaries Begin Lessons In September

TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS, September - August, 1971-72, edited by Frank S. Mead (Fleming H. Revell, 383 pp., $3.95).

This is an extraordinarily fine commentary. Rather than beginning in January as heretofore, it begins in September and covers lessons through next August. (This is in line with the new Sunday School year now adopted by many denominations. It concides with the school year.) The book is filled with sparkling illustrations; practical teaching suggestions for young people and adults, intermediates and seniors; Scripture - based comments; recommend audio - visual aids; RSV-KJV texts in parallel columns; and comprehensive historical, geographical background discussions. Dr. Mead, the editor, is an outstanding, preacher, teacher, and author.

BROADMAN COMMENTS, International Sunday School Lessons, 1971-72 by Donald Ackland, Vernon Elmore, and T. V. Owens (Broadman, 410 pp., $2.95).

Three outstanding authors through this commentary will help teachers and class members prepare each International Sunday School Lesson from September, 1971, through August, 1972. Broadman Comments is known for clarity, broad understanding, sound interpretation, and helpful insights into the lesson. An outstanding feature is the practical, easy-to-use teaching plan for each Sunday. Other popular aids include the complete Bible text in the King James Version, life - centered introduction, ideas for applying the lesson to present - day needs, selected bibliographies, and visual aid suggestions.

RED STAR OVER CUBA by Don Crawford (Tyndale House, paper 112 pp., $1.45).

This is the story of how "Brother Andrew" widely known Dutch minister who has long carried Bibles into Communist countries, found a way to get the message into Cuba. Southern Baptist missionaries, the Caudills, are in this story. The arrest of these dedicated missionaries is described. Their experiences are related. This is a gripping story which will help the reader understand the problems of Christian witness in a Communist land.

New Study Course Book

John Warren Steen, editor (left) and Morton Rose, writer, discuss the New Church Study Course book, "Our Church in 1971-72." The book will be a valuable tool for members to use during Church Launching Week, Sept. 26-Oct. 3. The Convention Press book is based on the denominational theme "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity." It includes five sections: areas of Christian concern, missions, evangelistic outreach, Bible study opportunities and Christian growth and service. Steen is editor of adult materials in the Sunday School department and Rose is assistant to the director of the church services and materials division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board (BSSB photo).

MUSIC PROGRAM PLAN BOOK, 1971-72 (Convention Press, 80 pp., paperback, $3).

This loose-leaf edition permits great flexibility in planning for a balanced, effective Church Music program. It includes a calendar for each month, opposite a plan sheet for that month's congregational service planning, a list of Broadman music publications, a discussion of music periodicals, etc.

OUTREACH FOR CHILDREN by Muriel F. Blackwell (Convention Press, 59 pp.).

The purpose of this book is to provide resources for Children's workers to use in planning and carrying out specific outreach projects. These projects are detailed and varied. Outreach leaders in Children's departments will find this book very valuable. The author is editor of Adventure, magazine for [illegible]

THE JESUS REVOLUTION by William S. Cannon (Broadman, 144 pp., $4.95).

A Broadman Press editor makes an objective study of the "Jesus Revolution" which is taking place across America today, and suggests ways that churches (and especially Southern Baptist Churches) must deal with it. He discusses its origin, its scope, its meaning, its problems and its opportunities. He distinguishes between the Jesus People (some called Jesus freaks), the Straight People, and the Catholic Pentecostals. He presents some actual testimonies of young people who have turned to Christ. He introduces some of the Baptist leaders who have been most successful in coping with this new and amazing movement, and he makes practical suggestions as to what churches can do to meet the challenges of the movement and lead it in the right direction. This should be a most helpful volume who all who see this movement as a challenge to Baptist and other Christian leadership.

"Homemade Renewal"

Being the wife of a minister has brought many exciting experiences and opportunities for spiritual renewal. Most of these experiences have come from attending conventions, conferences and other meetings with outside leaders and speakers. So it is with great joy that I look forward to each year and the schedule of meetings to attend.

However, this past year was spent strictly at home awaiting the birth of our second child. Admidst the chores of housework and caring for the family, many days I daydreamed of getting away to renew my spiritual life which seemed to be drained.

Late one night as I returned from a church meeting I found my husband studying for his Sunday morning sermon. As he began to share with me some thoughts on the Second Coming of Christ — it suddenly hit me that I had been wasting a whole year feeling spiritually drained because of not being able to "go somewhere" for renewal—when it wasn't necessary to "go away" at all.

I need not share all that happened that night in the quietness of my own home, but I will say for those who may feel as I did and are waiting to be spiritually renewed—all that is needed is a good discussion and confession and God will provide a "homemade renewal."

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Greenville Youth Work In Navajo Bible School

A group of young people from Calvary Church, Greenville, was able to receive a wonderful experience. Nancy Collins, Jeanette Hubbard, and Sandra Stillman, above, along with Billy Selby, minister of education and youth, went with a group of young people from Alabama, Florida, and Texas to New Mexico to work in a mission Bible school with the Navajo Indians. Thirty young people worked in three different Bible schools. The work in this area began five years ago by Rev. W. G. Robertson of Monroeville, Alabama, in the Pinedale area near Gallup, New Mexico. They also do work in Arizona.

Jones Acteens Visit New Orleans

Acteens of Jones County recently took a missions trip to New Orleans, the 87 girls and six adults traveling in two chartered buses. They visited home mission points, including New Orleans Seminary, Friendship House, Men's Rescue Mission, Carver Center, Rachel Sims, and Sellers Home and Adoption Center. Miss Nell Booker, Friendship House, and Rev. Paul Vandercook, Seamen's Center, guided the tours. Girls represented 14 churches. Rev. Maurice Flowers is Jones missionary; Mrs. Shelby Warren is associational Acteens director.

Mount Vernon Buys Tents For Royal Ambassadors

Mount Vernon Church, Columbus, has bought seven tents and other camping equipment for its first Royal Ambassador chapter which was organized earlier this year with four boys and which has already grown to fifteen. Pictured above are Paul Kelley, Jim Kelley, Bill Clark, Joe Kelley, and Rev. Glen Puckett, pastor. (Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelley are the counselors.) This active group of Royal Ambassadors earned money for the Annie Armstrong Offering; attended the Pontotoc Man-Boy Rally; has enjoyed spend-the-night cook-outs doing their own cooking; attended state RA camp at Sardis Lake; have done cleaning and gardening at the church; and are now working on the "Rabbit Project" mentioned in June Crusader, to help earn money for food for hungry people of the world.

TRUTH is a newly formed group of 15 inspired Christian young people who are traveling around the United States presenting concerts to churches, conventions, schools and organizations with the motivation of bringing the Christian message to all people through music. Piano, bass, guitar, drums, and brass are used among the group. These youth are all of college age or slightly older. Interested persons may call or write the Roger Corporation, P. O. Box 8554, Mobile, Alabama 36606, 205-342-0638. John Breland is director.

HOME FROM OHIO—The group shown above from First, Durant, returned recently from a trip to Warren, Ohio where they worked with Rev. Paul Barrentine, pastor of Southwest Baptist Chapel, in vacation Bible school and revival work. The group wanted to share in the expense of the mission trip so they worked at every job offered and earned over $700. Those going with them were Mr. and Mrs. David Young, minister of music; Mrs. R. E. Irby, Jr., church organist; and Thad Henley, minister of youth. They also visited the Sunday School Board in Nashville, and Niagra Falls. Rev. Durell Makamson is pastor.

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By PAUL M. STEVENS
Director, SBC Radio-Television Commission

Problems answered in this column are from actual letters to "Powerline," teen music program heard on 550 radio stations.

PARENTS NEED FORGIVING LOVE

Dear Powerline:

My father never really has man-to-man talks with me, so I often ignore him completely. He recently remarried, to a 36-year-old blonde. He is 48. He and my stepmother don't really care what I do. My home life is in turmoil. Can you help me?

* * *

Maybe, if you'll back your ears and gulp this down: It's you who have moved first to change things, and it'll be up to you to keep the ball rolling. And that won't be as easy as skimming down the expressway on a new set of wheels.

First you'll have to get eyeball-to-eyeball with your own attitudes. What about their attitudes? Right. They're wrong—if you're telling it like it is, as I believe you are. But your resentment sticks out like an ostrich in argyle socks. It's a regular Mount Everest blocking the path to any chance of a patch-up. How do you get rid of it? The Bible says—fifth chapter of Romans, eighth verse: "God has shown us how much He loves us: it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us."

God didn't wait for us to change. He took the initiative, making His love so obvious that a blind-folded baboon couldn't miss it. If you'll show your parents the same forgiving love that God has shown you, hopefully your circumstances will change. If not, you'll still come out on top. You'll have a kind of happiness that doesn't depend on circumstances.

But don't expect to find that forgiving love within yourself. The Bible says, "Love is from God. . .whoever loves knows God." Read your Bible regularly; attend church and get help in understanding it. Take Christ into your life and get to KNOW Him. Then you won't have to fake anything. You'll find His love becoming second nature to you. Or better still—first nature!

Today's Youth

SummerInWyoming

By Carlton Campbell

I have spent most of my summer as a missionary in the small town of Buffalo, Wyoming, where there is no Southern Baptist church. Well,my job was to start a Southern Baptist Vacation Bible School in a tiny Seventh - Day Adventist Church.

When I got to Buffalo I really didn't know where to start. I spent a week and a half going door to door trying to find people who might be interested in my Bible School. I only found three Southern Baptist families. The next week I advertised in the newspaper and on the local radio station. I also put posters in the local stores.

The last week in Buffalo was the week of the Bible School. I had no experience in being a director or a teacher, but I was both. Robert Catrett from Pascagoula came to help me. He taught the eight and nine year olds, while I had the 10, 11, and 12 year olds. Linda Wohl, a Southern Baptist who lived in Buffalo, taught the four and five year olds, and Mrs. Ester Heibler taught the six and seven year olds.She is also a Southern Baptist. Mrs. Sealy Reimer, who is a Catholic, taught the three year olds. Each class had a helper, too. So we had a faculty of ten.

The results of our Buffalo school were amazing. Fifty - eight were enrolled, and I had expected only 20. The teachers and helpers were not all involved in a regular church, and they got so much closer to Christ by serving him. Nine different religions were represented in our Bible School, and I was so surprised. We had a Catholic lady with an Assembly of God helper, teaching at a Southern Baptist Vacation Bible School at the Seventh - Day Adventist Church. This lady's students were Wesleyan Methodist and Conservative Baptists.

There were five different religions represented in my class: Conservative Baptist, United Methodist, Assembly of God, and Seventh - Day Adventist.

Believe it or not, there were only three Southern Baptist kids at our mission school.

I walked so much, and I have seven blisters to prove it, too. People slammed doors in my face, and I got lots of dirty looks. But, it was all so worth it. If I had it to do over again, I'd gladly do it.

The high point of my Buffalo adventure was on the last day. Six little kids accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour in the Bible School. This was the first time I have ever been a Bible school director and I just could not believe it when those six kids raised their hands as a sign that they had accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. All I can say is "Praise the Lord."

REPORT FROM A MONTANA MISSIONARY

By Anne White

This is the second summer I have served as a missionary in Montana, sponsored by the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee. In 1969 I worked in Billings, Montana, and this summer I am in West Yellowstone, Montana.

West Yellowstone is really a challenging town. It is a tourist town, located at the most widely used of all Yellowstone Park's entrances. In winter the population is a mere 750, but in summer, thousands of tourists spend each night here. Car tags range from Hawaii to Maine. The church here only recently attained church status, having been a mission of the Southern Baptist Church in Three Forks, Montana.

The church is presently housed in a double trailer, but they are currently engaged in a building progrram. The church is being built by volunteer workers from a Baptist church in Roswell, New Mexico. This is a big task for the church financially, but they are not lacking in faith or prayers. Though small, they have tremendous strength within their fellowship. They love the Lord, depend on Him, and live for Him. Many tourists worship each Sunday, and these people from all over the United States add much to the services. Their faithfulness to the Lord on vacation encourages the people here to be faithful.

Once again it is an exciting and spiritually rewarding experience to be involved in this pioneer work. Summer missions offers college students a unique opportunity to offer their time and talents to the Lord through these churches—and most students will tell you that [illegible] they have received. I have received countless blessings from the many dedicated pastors, missionaries, and church members here in Montana. Through their struggles and problems, as well as joys, they possess a closeness that testifies of their love for the Lord.

I would like to express appreciaton to all those people who helped make possible my summer here. Montana Southern Baptists are grateful to Mississippi Baptists for all of the help they have given since the work began in this area. The work has come a long way, but there are still struggling missions and problems peculiar to pioneer work. Help is still needed — in the form of money, people, and prayers. May I encourage Mississippi Baptists to continue a special interest in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention — Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

My special thanks [illegible] Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee, and First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi, for making my summer here in Montana a reality.

Choir Sings In Texas, Louisiana

The Youth Choir of Handsboro Church, Gulfport, is under the direction of Jimmy McCaleb. When the group first presented "Tell It Likes It Is" in its home church a year ago, little did the choir members realize that the folk musical would take them over the South witnessing for the Lord in 22 performances.

The 35-member choir, with instrumentalists, has sung in churches along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, on the Mall at Edgewater Plaza, Biloxi; at Gulfport VA Center, Navy Seabee Base and Keesler Air Force Base. They have appeared on college campuses and churches throughout Mississippi and Louisiana. One of their most memorable presentations was in New Orleans where they sang and witnessed to a large crowd gather in Jackson Square.

During its most recent tour (August 2-7), the group presented "Tell It Like It Is" in churches in Louisiana and Texas and portions of the musical at home mission points along the way. The tour included a day spent at Astroworld.

Accompanying the group were Dr. and Mrs. Joe Mauldin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, sponsors of the choir; Debbie Nicholson, pianist; and Bob Clark, guitarist.

Special Services: Houlka Town Square

Open air services will be held in the Houlka Town Square on Saturday night, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. Inmates from Parchman will be guest speakers. The service is being promoted by youth of the area. The public is invited, with a special invitation given to young people.

Let us endeavor so to live that, when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry. — Mark Twain.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF FIRST CHURCH, CARTHAGE presented the Christian Folk Musical, "PURPOSE," before a capacity audience July 11. Afterward the 40-voice choir toured to West Corinth Church, Corinth, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; Cherry Road, Memphis; and First, Holly Springs. Accompanists: Mrs. Ellen See, Jimmy Smith, Tommy Luke, David Ingram, Junior Malone. Director: Mrs. Harold T. Bryson. Dr. Harold T. Bryson is pastor.

THE PEOPLE OF THE WAY, FIRST CHURCH, COLUMBIA—The traveling party of thirty-seven ventured 1997 miles through the Southeastern states spreading the Good News of Jesus in concert, personal encounter, spontaneous sing-in, and radio program. The People of the Way, under the direction of Billy Jack Green, were at home in a shopping center, a church, a swimming pool, a restaurant, a motel, the streets of Nashville, Junior High School, state park, a tourist attraction. Twenty-five times in thirteen days they sang. Over 40 decisions for Christ were registered as the youth witnessed through 400 Gospels of John given away. John 15:5 became the key verse and SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU became the key phrase. The director and guitarist, John Bush, penned words with appropriate music during the trip, for the key phrase. A happy face pin was on every singer's apparel and on ever singers' countenance. Five of the choir were united with the Lord by profession of faith and four gave their life in full-time Christian service. Dr. Howard Aultman is pastor of First Church, Columbia.

IUKA SINGERS—Fifty young people, the Iuka Singers of Iuka Church, left August 2 touring the states of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi. During this six-day tour there were over 150 decisions made for Christ. While in Montgomery they sang and witnessed in the Capitol Building. This was the first choir tour this church ever attempted. Within this choir is a group known as the "Peacemakers," a small ensemble. Thty gave a 15-minute program after the Iuka Singers concert. The director is Jerry Swimmer. The pastor of Iuka Church is Rev. Harris Counce, Jr.

TUTWILER YOUTH PRESENT, "Now Hear It Again"—Under the direction of Bub Jennings, First Church, Tutwiler young people presented the folk musical, "Now Hear It Again," on August 1. A packed house was touched with the gospel set to contemporary music by Bob Burroughs. Known as "The New Discoveries," the 25 teenagers are giving their testimony in word and song throughout the Delta this summer and fall. Accompanists are Mrs. Vivian Hunter, Janet Pearson, Bruce Ousley, and Bub Jennings.

THIRTY-FOUR SELAH SINGERS OF FIRST, LUCEDALE returned recently from a trip to Laurel, Winnfield, La., and Houston, Texas. They presented concerts at Laurel and Winnfield, and then visited Astroworld and the NASA space center. Kenneth McDavid is choir director; Edith Ferrill is organist; Rev. David Merritt is pastor. (Photo by John Sims)

HIGHLAND YOUTH CHOIR, MERIDIAN, recently returned from a trip to Warren, Ohio, where they conducted Vacation Bible School in the Southeast Warren Mission. There was an enrollment of 85 in Vacation Bible School and 11 decisions for Christ. The choir gave performances of the musical, "Life," in the evenings at four churches. During these services 44 decisions were made. The group also traveled to Niagra Falls. Members of Highland raised $3,638.46 to make this trip possible. The minister of music and youth is Robert C. Gray; the pastor is Rev. Jack W. Elliott.

Brazilians Witness Way To Youth Congress

En route to Goiania for the ninth Brazilian Baptist Youth Congress, young people from the Baptist seminary in Belem pose beside their Volkswagen bus. The bus broke down four times during the 12-day journey, but the students used each stop as an opportunity to lead others to Christ. They counted 75 conversions and estimate that there were an additional 25. Leader of the group is Edilson Braga, second from left, who sold hammocks for a living until a chance encounter with Southern Baptist missionaries brought him to profess faith in Jesus Christ. Now he is preparing for the ministry in the Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary, Belem. (FMB photo by Sistie Givens)

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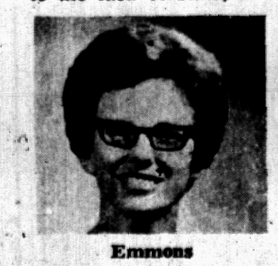
World Missions Rally September 11

Many Baptists from over the state of Mississippi will be gathering for the annual World Missions Rally, promoted and directed by the Brotherhood Department, at Camp Garaywa on September 11.

The program will be interesting, informative, and challenging. Plans are being made for all age groups, men, women, and children, to be exposed to the idea of state, home, and foreign missions.



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Miss Dorothy Emmons, missionary now serving in Tanzania, will participate on the program. Miss Dorothy Latham, missionary now serving in Brazil, will also participate. Rev. Richard (Dick) Mefford, whom many will remember as having served in our state as pastor, associational missionary, and general missionary to the Indians, will also be on program to discuss his work among the Indians in Montana.

Number planning to each lunch ———— supper ————

Total Cost (including insurance) — $3.50

Church .....

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Please mail to: Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Don't be afraid to rock the boat—that is if Christ is your pilot.—Bob Harrington in "God's Super Salesman," a Broadman book.

Growing List Of Churches Using Church Training Achievement Guide Reported

North Greenwood and Pearl head the list of churches added to those qualifying for recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide during the current church year. Each of these have during the past two months qualified for Distinguished Recognition. Dr. Charles Ray is pastor of the North Greenwood church and Lester Herrington is Director. Pearl's pastor is Rev. Carl E. Talbert and the Director is T. W. Henderson.

The addition of these two churches brings the list of Distinguished Awards to five. This equals the previous record and opens the possibility for this year, the first year for the use of Mississippi's own Achievement Guide to be the most outstanding year ever in awards in this category.

Four churches in addition to North Greenwood and Pearl have received Advanced recognition during the past two months. These are Pineview, Director, Thomas R. Johnson; Kreole, Director, T. W. Henderson, (Jackson); Meadowood, Samuel J. Roye, (Monroe) and First Pontotoc, J. Larry Young, Director.

Ten churches have been added to the list of churches qualifying for Merit Recognition: North Greenwood, Pineview (Jackson), First Gautier, Trinity (Bolivar), Pali View (Hawaii), Kreole, Pearl, Whitesand (Jeff Davis), Prentiss, and Dublin (Jeff Davis).

Revival Dates

First Church, Horn Lake; Aug. 29-Sept. 1; youth revival; Rev. James K. Byrd of Columbia, evangelist; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services; Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Jerry Beaty, First, Horn Lake's new youth director, will direct music; singspiration and special activities are planned for each night following services; Homecoming and Special Day services are planned for Aug. 29.

Temple Heights Church, Oxford; August 22-27; Dr. Jerry E. Oswalt, pastor, Riverside Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist. Ken Stovall, minister of music, Temple Heights, songleader. Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor.

North Columbia: August 29 - September 3; Rev. Vernon May, pastor, First, Louisville, evangelist; James Jackson, [illegible] 6 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. M. H. Waltman, pastor.

Shiloh, Houlka: August 22-27; Rev. Gowan Ellis, Sherman, evangelist; Stanley Hayes, Jr., Okolona, minister of music; Rev. Bobby Long, pastor; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Revival Results

Calvary Church, Pascagoula: August 1-8; Evangelist Moody Adams; Singer Betty Stalnacker, 465 decisions, 155 professions of faith.

Wallerville (Union Co.): Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, Springdale, Kosciusko, evangelist; Rev. Billy E. Wells, pastor; 13 professions of faith; one by letter; many rededications.

Zion Hill (Mississippi Association): Rev. Merelin McConn, pastor, Line Creek, Kentwood, La., evangelist; Hubert Willson, director of music, Gillsburg, singer; special music by the Zion Hill Choir and by the choir of Mt. Olive Church with their pastor, Mr. Newell, and his wife, and also by the Youth Choir of Line Creek; "50 decisions for Jesus; five candidates for baptism; three additions by letter." Rev. Arthur Smith, pastor, states, "We felt an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. . . . The very rafters of historic Zion Hill Church, if they could speak, would testify to the glory of God that we [illegible] had revival last week!"

Enon (Panola): August 29 - Sept. [illegible]

evangelist (pictured); Maurice Ellis, music director; Mrs. Ann Riley, pianist: services Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7:30; Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m.

Good Hope (Winston): July 25-30; one addition by letter; 11 on profession of faith; 17 rededications; Rev. Carlton Jones, Wiggins Church, Carthage, evangelist; Mike Rogers, Louisville, music director; Rev. Rush Gunn, pastor.

Lone Pine (Madison): July 25-30; Rev. Jack Farmer, pastor, Center Terrace Church, Canton, evangelist; Roger Pursley, minister of music, Center Terrace, song leader; Douglas Rasberry, organist for Center Terrace, pianist; one profession of faith; three by letter; 15 rededications;

Horseshoe Church: July 25-30; one by letter; seven professions of faith; 12 rededications; Rev. Robert Earl Self, pastor of Edon Church, Stringer, evangelist; Rev. James C. Carr, pastor; worship service attendance has since increased by at least 50 per cent.

Bay Minette, Alabama, Crusade: Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor, First, Philadelphia, evangelist; Cecil L. Harper, Julian Burt, and Lester [illegible] staff members; over 300 recorded decisions; 75 professions of faith; numerous rededications; 12 answering the call to preach or to missionary service; crowds upward to 1000 on the highest night, with the lowest crowd being 600 when rained "out" into First Church.

Sunday School Lesson: International

The Beverage Alcohol Problem Is Not One That We Can Wish Away

By Clifton J. Allen

Romans 14:13-23; 1 Corinthians 10:23 to 11:1; Galatians 6:1-5

The beverage alcohol problem is not one that we can wish away. It is not one which we can rightly ignore.

It is one of nationwide proportions and gravest potential. And it is complicated by its economic, political, and cultural aspects, not to mention the greater complexity resulting from the physical and psychological and moral aspects. All these factors emphasize the importance of this unit of lessons and the crucially challenging responsibility of churches and Christians generally to respond to the problems with intelligence and compassion. Our Bible passages from three letters of the apostle Paul contain instruction which should provide guidelines for Christian attitude and practice relative to beverage alcohol.

The Lesson Explained

Concern For Other Persons
Verses 13-16

The Christians in Rome, and other places as well, faced the question about eating foods considered to be unclean because of relation to pagan sacrifices. Some Christians considered it wrong to eat such meats; other Christians saw nothing wrong in this matter. Paul emphasized that the meat in and of itself was not affected by whether it had been used in relation to a pagan sacrifice. But the moral question for Christians was the matter of their influence on one another and on others and the matter of their avoiding passing judgment on one another. The Christians were simply not to try to settle the matter of conscience for one another; each must settle it for himself. A Christian should not exercise his freedom to the hurt of others.

Paul's instruction has the strongest relevance for the right attitude toward the users of beverage alcohol. Alcoholic beverages are potentially damaging and destructive in many ways. Even so, some persons drink mild forms of beverage alcohol without the slightest excess and do not consider themselves guilty of wrongdoing. Christians are not to become judges of others, to accuse or condemn; but Christians are obligated to be concerned for others. This concern must show itself first of all in refusing to drink because it exercises a hurtful influence on other persons who are weaker or whose conscience may be offended. And this concern obligates one to show respect for and love toward persons who use beverage alcohol, either in excess or without excess, with a view to helping them.

The question of influence ought to settle the matter once and for all for a Christian.

Question About Righteousness
Verses 17-23

Paul made it clear that the righteousness of the kingdom of God is not a matter of rules and regulations—for example, about eating certain meat or observing a certain day as the sabbath—but one's commitment to Christ in a way that makes for personal integrity, love for other persons, harmony and fellowship, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Paul's instruction demands loyalty to principles of living that lead to personal uprightness and to moral influence of the highest and strongest quality. Such righteousness will express itself in self-denial for the sake of others. Wine was a problem in New Testament times as it is now.

Righteousness is first of all inward, the gift of God's grace. But righteousness must be translated into words and deeds, personal habits, social practices, and relationships with other persons. Commitment to the righteousness of the kingdom of God will settle for any person the use of beverage alcohol: he will abstain from it. But such righteousness will not become hypocritical and judgmental; it will be charitable not to condone wrong, but to express the love of Christ.

Cooperation In Brotherly Love

The Christian community has no more important role in relation to the problem of beverage alcohol than to exercise that role in brotherly love to help persons in this area. Help should be given, first, for the sake of prevention. People need to be taught and trained to avoid alcoholic beverages and the dangers related to them. Second, people involved in the use of alcoholic beverages desperately need the brotherly love and intelligent reinforcement which can help to effect recovery from hurtful involvement with beverage alcohol and full restoration to self-confidence and disciplined freedom. A church can be a healing, renewing, supporting, and forgiving fellowship in which persons who have fallen victims to beverage alcohol can find the joy of their salvation and righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The Christian has a responsibility for his weaker brother.—It is when one Christian is weak that he most needs the support of another Christian. This applies with acute relevance to a weaker Christian who is tempted to use beverage alcohol. Such a person is in critical need of understanding, friendship, and encouragement by a stronger Christian. Such help should include the resources of prayer and the strength of companionship and all that it takes to insure a measure of victory. The help that the weaker brother needs most is a feeling that he is loved in spite of his weakness and that someone believes in him to the point of willingness to suffer for him, for this is the way to help him to know that Christ loves him and believes in him and is able to help him. To help a weaker brother become strong is a challenge to a Christian's absolute honesty, genuine unselfishness, courageous faith, and unwavering loyalty. This is a party of every Christian's mission.

Rev. Sutton Smith Dies At Age 45

PRENTISS — Services were held Aug. 20 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Simpson County for Rev. Sutton C. Smith, 45, pastor of Carson Church, who died Aug. 18 in Meridian.

Rev. Gerald Aultman and Rev. C. M. Grayson officiated.

Mr. Smith was a native of Mt. Zion community, where he attended Mt. Zion School. He later attended Clarke College, William Carey College and had done graduate work at New Orleans Seminary.

He had served as pastor of Beulah Church in Newton County, Hillsboro in Scott County, Mt. Zion in Simpson County, Shady Grove in George County and had been at Carson since May of 1968. He was veteran of World War II.

Mr. Smith and his family were on a vacation trip when he became ill in Franklin, Ga. The family was enroute home when he was hospitalized in Meridian.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Bridges Smith of Carson; three sons, James, C. A. and Wayne, all of Carson; three daughters, Anna and Linda, both of Carson, and Mrs. James Havard of Lucedale; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Smith of Rt. 1, New Hebron; three brothers, and one grandchild.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Peace - - The Ultimate Ideal

Ex. 20:13; 1 Chron. 22:6-10; Isa. 9:6-7
Matt. 26:51-52

By Bill Duncan

The Hebrews to our day have a favorite term of greeting which is Shalom meaning peace. They use this in every - day contacts for a greeting like we say hello or good - bye. At the close of their worship services they say Shalom instead of amen. An example of its use was Gen. 29:6.

The idea of peace in the Bible is a spirit of tranquillity and freedom from either inward or outward distrubance. When nations enjoyed this, it was regarded as a gift from God.

The New Testament idea of peace which Christ promises denotes spiritual tranquillity which all can enjoy through faith in Christ because of a right relationship with God. This peace is enjoyed only by regenerated persons. Christ came to bring peace upon the earth, but this was only a spiritual relationship that exists between God and man. A right relationship with God creates a person who wants to have peace among men. "Blessed are the peacemakers." The ultimate goal of peace upon the earth will not be possible until Christ comes back in person and establishes a reign of peace. This is what the Jews wanted in Christ the first time. So we can join the people of the world in saying "Shalom" — peace. This is our prayer.

There are a lot of movements that call themselves lovers of peace. Yet peace is not just the absence of war. Many of the "Hawks" want peace as much as the doves. The difference is in the approach to peace. To lay down the gun and walk off the job of war may not bring peace at all. Yet the "Hawks" may be wrong in not being opened-minded about seeking peace.

The Vietnam war has taught us the value of peace to a country. We all join the president in seeking a generation of peace. We reject the cry of the peace groups that are hateful and angry in their presentation. They are not creating peace, but glorifying themselves.

The Commandment

The positive side of "Thou shalt not kill" is the sacredness of life. Man cannot create life, only God. Jesus said that if one had hate in his life that was wrong he could be considered guilty of breaking this com-

Sometimes people attempt to justify war and hate by talking about the bad character of the killed. But God does not make distinctions between classes, races, or bank accounts.

Life is important, not only to the man but to God. But no one could read the Bible without seeing that to take the life of another would bring moral consequences from God. One example of this is what happened to David the King of Israel. God refused to let him build the temple because he had been a man of war. It was not appropriate for the man who had taken so many lives to associate with God. David wanted to build the temple but God would not let him.

The Dream

Can you imagine a time when man will not need defensive weapons in case of war? Today we have a stockpile of bombs of unusual size. How could we change these into instruments of construction or production?

Everyone dreams of the era of perfect peace. This could be possible if the nations could submit to the will of God.

This will only be possible when Christ is able to reign in the hearts of all men. This is a goal. It is more than a dream. It will happen when Christ returns to reign supremely in the earth. This is why he is called the Prince of Peace. "He will command peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:10).

The Individual

Peace is not only the ultimate goal of a nation but of an individual. Peter was shown by the gospel writers to be a man of actions. When the arrest of Jesus took place, the disciples struck at the high priest's servant. Jesus said, "Put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Threats, anger, hate, weapon - carrying often breed trouble. Killing is usually the result of long thought-out hate. An unarmed man seldom gets killed. But the weapon - carrying person usually finds trouble. If he goes looking for it. War has never created perfect peace. It might be justified, but that is the result of sin. It takes a changed heart to make peace. We must love peace and strive to have peace.

Man should strive to have peace with his neighbor or fellow man. If one wants peace with his friend, he must seek to have a peaceful heart. If one can get along with his fellowman he will be able to be helpful in other situations. The secret is trust love. We must love life in Christ.

Pine Grove To Commemorate Autry's 50th Year Of Preaching

On August 29, Rev. Ewart A. Autry will complete 50 years of preaching. That morning, from 10:45 to 12:00 o'clock Pine Grove Church, Benton Co., will have a special service commemorating those years. Mr. Autry is pastor of the Pine Grove Church.

It was at Pine Grove that Mr. Autry preached his first sermon. All [illegible] and lightened by that first experience, he left the crude outline of that sermon on the pulpit. An uncle, A. A. Autry, picked up that outline — and returned it to him 48 years later. The text of that first sermon was the one used on August 29.

Mr. Autry was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for six years. Over a period of years he was moderator of the Benton County Association and is at present vice-moderator. In 1964 he was selected as Mississippi's Rural Minister of the Year by THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER MAGAZINE and Emory University. He is an author and a lecturer, but his greatest ambition is and always has been to preach the Gospel.

Mr. Autry has made thousands of contacts for the Lord in his pastorates in Mississippi and Tennessee. (Because of the destruction of records in a fire a number of years ago there is no accurate account of baptisms, funerals, marriages and the like, but they have been in the thousands.)

Devotional

"Our Needs Supplied"

By J. H. Kyzar, Dade
Philippians 4:19

Who is there that has not claimed this promise of our God? "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Did you ever wonder what living would be like without this word of assurance? Certainly it has put a star in many dark nights.

The fact that it is God who supplies our needs enables us to lean on this promise with confidence. Paul reasons, just as He has done for me, so will He do for you. He will do it because He is God; because He is both able and willing. He will do it because He is our heavenly Father, and a loving and devoted father finds joy and satisfaction in providing for the needs—not the wants necessarily—of his children. What He does not supply we may conclude that we do not need.

Did you ever thoughtfully try to make a list of your needs? They are in two areas, physical and spiritual. Jesus taught us not to be anxious about what we would eat and drink, or clothes to wear, but rather, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Our greater needs are spiritual: forgiveness of our sins; faith in God and His truth; love for our Lord and one another; hope; and His grace in all its fullness. These needs are related to the eternal, and our God will supply them along with the physical necessities.

The statement "his riches in glory" suggests to us something of the supply of God's riches. It is inexhaustible, and our most extravagant imagination cannot conceive of the riches of His store-house. Such as we need of it is available to us, but only when and as we need it.

The supply of our needs might as well not exist unless there is some way to get it to us. The water supply of a city that I know is some miles away in the valley of the foot-hills of the mountains. It reaches the city to meet the needs of the people through large conduits, or pipes. When the inspired writer spoke of "his riches in glory" he put them far away from us: but when he added "in Christ Jesus" he brought them down within easy reach of every needy soul, and that means all of us.

Jesus is the channel of the supply of every need of ours, and in the light of this promise may we say with complete confidence, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Antioch (Simpson) Burns Note

Antioch Church, Simpson County, celebrated the paying off of all indebtedness on the church building with a noteburning ceremony on Sunday, August 15. The last indebtedness was on the fellowship hall and kitchen. Pictured are the pastor, Rev. Jack Cranford, center, and Lee Sandifer, chairman of deacons, as the note was burned in front of the church preceding morning worship. Antioch has recently gone to full-time, ordained five deacons, and organized a Training Union. Progress is being enjoyed in all departments.

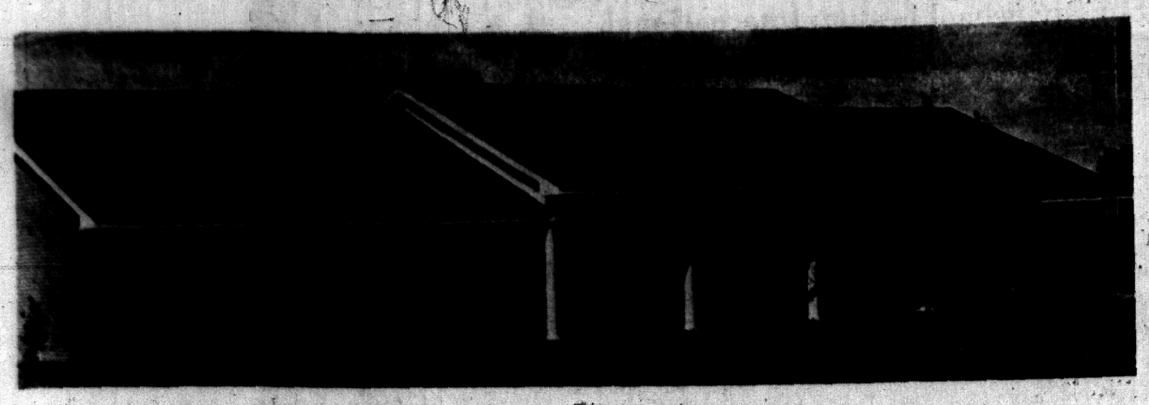
Moves To Lambert

Rev. B. Wayne Long, pictured, is the new pastor at First Church, Lambert, having moved there from the pastorate of Bethesda Church, Okatibbeha Association, Crawford, Miss.

A native of West Point, Miss., Mr. Long has been a member of First Church, West Point, most of his life. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1965 and in 1969 received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Long is the former Dot Blankenship of West Point.

While he was pastor at Bethesda, a new education building was erected and numerous pieces of equipment were purchased. Attendance and membership increase by twenty percent.



Prentiss Holds Open House At New Pastor's Home

On August 1 Prentiss Church held open house for their new pastor's home. This home is a 3½ bath, four bedroom home with approximately 2,500 square feet in the living area. It is centrally air conditioned and heated and is fully carpeted and draped. Members of the Building Committee were Milton Polk, chairman, Mrs. E. W. Speights, Sr., Clyde Daniel, Merle A. Riley, John S. Dale, Mrs. Jimmy Davis, and Mrs. Rebecca Quinn. Rev. Robert L. Sheffield is the pastor. (Photo courtesy Prentiss Headlight)

Matthews Church To Become College Hill Heights Church

An old church with a new name and location will open its doors at the beginning of the next church year—October 1.

The "new church" is College Hill Heights Church, which will be located, naturally enough, on College Hill Rd., Oxford. It will be made up of the congregation of Matthews Church, Lafayette Co.

Rev. Walter Gurley, pastor of Matthews, led a groundbreaking service recently.

Matthews first began with a congregation of 35, in 1952, under the leadership of Foy Rogers, the missionary at the time and acting pastor. Worship services were first conducted in a tent, on Ole Sardis Road, until 1954, when a solid building was constructed. Its auditorium seats 100.

Much of the work, church members (there are about 80 in the church) are doing themselves.

Estimated cost of the concrete-block structure will be $40,000. The sanctuary, which is to seat 275, will be carpeted, while the 10 educational rooms will have a tile and brick veneer combination flooring.

Most of the members of Matthews had begun to move outside the immediate area of the old church building, Gurley said.

Members of the building committee are Alvin Frazier, James Phillip Rikar, and Calvin Cain.

Rev. Jim Bain, pastor of North Oxford and Rev. Arthur Leslie also spoke at the groundbreaking service.

Groundbreaking services were held on College Hill Rd for the planned College Hill Heights Church, formerly Matthews. These men played an important part. They are (l to r): Phillip Rikard, trustee; Robert Rogers, trustee; Rev. Walter Gurley, pastor; Rev. Arthur Leslie, associational missionary who spoke; Rev. Jim Bain, visiting pastor from North Oxford Church; Calvin Cain, chairman of the deacons.—Staff photo by James

Pastor Dies In Logging Accident

Rev. L. R. Smith, Jr., former pastor of Calvary Church, Waynesboro, was the victim of a logging accident on Aug. 11. Reports stated that the incident occurred between Leakesville and Sandhill in Greene County when a tree fell on Mr. Smith. He had gone into the woods where his brother and others were engaged in a logging operation.

Mr. Smith had served the Waynesboro church for 7½ years. He was formerly a member of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

After leaving Waynesboro he pastored Grand Bay (Ala.) Church until forced to retire because of ill health. He was presently in the process of developing a farm he had purchased in Wayne County.

The body was taken to Freeman Funeral Home in Leakesville and funeral service was held Thursday morning, August 12, 10:30 a.m. at Freeman's.

The way of the cross leads home.

"I know not by what methods rare, but this I know, God answers prayer."

MUSIC LESSON. Sometimes B sharp; never B flat; always B natural.

Tutwiler Youth Raise $76,000 In Less Than Month

The young people of First Church, Tutwiler, under the leadership of their youth director, Linda McKay, have worked steadily for three weeks to obtain what amounts to $76,000 in Vietnamese money or $250 in American money.

Through a hometown serviceman Doug Kellum, it was learned that a small Vietnamese church had stepped out in faith to build a displaced community of Highlanders (where most of the heavy bombing occurs) both a church and school. The $250.00 will completely pay the debt.

Friendship East Plans Dedication Service

The dedication of Sunday school rooms at Friendship East Church, Charleston, Tallahatchie Association, has been set for Sunday, August 29, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Kelly Dampeer, pastor of First Church, Charleston, will bring the dedication message.

Letters are being sent to all churches in the Association extending an invitation to all members to attend this service. Rev. J. G. Thomas of Holcomb, is pastor of Friendship East Church.

Rev. Paul Hunter, pastor, explains that this is one way youth could show their concern and love for all men everywhere.

Pastor, Wife Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Marsh, pastor and wife at Cherry Street Church, Clarksdale, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On Saturday, August 14, a reception was given by their children, Dr. W. L. Marsh, Jr., Cleveland; Mrs. Wenonah Wilson, Vinita, Okla.; and Mrs. M. B. Rodgers, Euless, Fort Worth, Texas. Many attended from churches where Mr. Marsh had formerly been pastor — Columbus, East End; Sunflower; Blaine; Rome; Bentonia, and Riverside, Clarksdale.

Cherry Street Church declared Sunday, August 15, "Marsh Day." Special recognition was given at the morning service, and lunch was served under the trees. Guests were present from north Alabama and Birmingham, from whence the Marshes moved to Mississippi in 1930.

Rev. and Mrs. Marsh are pictured above by a 1919 Model T Ford like one in which they became engaged fifty years ago.

Senior Citizens Luncheon Held At Calvary Church, Newton

By Cris Morgan

The WMU of Newton, Calvary Church recently sponsored a senior citizens' luncheon. Forty - two members and close friends of members of the church who were over 65 were present.

As the guests arrived they registered, giving their name, age and favor[illegible] number were selected to be sung after the meal. Each guest was given a name tag, made by Kaki Hart, an 8-year - old in the church.

Mrs. Rachel Kelly, WMU president, officially welcomed the group and Dr. John F. Carter gave the prayer of thanks. Special recognition was made of the oldest man and woman present. The oldest man was W. C. Jones, 94, and the oldest lady was Miss Mary Simmons, 93.

During her lifetime, Miss Simmons has never changed her name, town, nor church membership. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary soon. During their lifetime, there has never been a death or divorce in their family.

To recapture the atmosphere to which only these senior citizens could relate, the WMU women who served wore maxis and bonnets; Kerosene lamps were on the table, and the place cards were made in the resemblance of rocking chairs.

After the meal, furnished by the women of the church, a game called "I remember" was led by Mrs. T. H. [illegible] a game of reminiscence participated in by the group, during which time there was hardly a dry eye.

They recalled things that were once a significant part of Newton, one-time thriving businesses and a pond in which 30 people who had just joined the Baptist Church were baptized at one time.

They remembered the busy streets of Newton at Christmas time, so muddy, galoshes were worn. A symbol of the practically forgotten past, which they remember, was the watering trough at the center of town where the main stop light is now located.

They recalled the beginning of Clarke College and those people associated with its establishment.

After this period of reminiscence, Pastor Clifford Estes gave the devotion from Psalms on "The Blessings of Old Age."

At the recent senior citizens' luncheon held at Newton, Calvary Church, special recognition was given to the oldest man and woman present. The oldest woman present was Miss Mary Simmons, left, age 93, and the oldest man was W. C. Jones, 94. The average [illegible] was 76°. Adding all their ages, the years represented numbered 3,213.

Allen Powell

Juniper Grove Honors Two

Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County, held a reception on August 1 honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Allen just before they moved to Newton where Mr. Allen will enter Clarke College. Mr. Allen, at left above, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Allen, was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Juniper Grove Church earlier this year. He has preached at Juniper Grove several times, and August 2 supplied the pulpit there while Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor, was away in a revival.

Mrs. Allen is the former Peggy Odom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Odom. The Allens have two children, Andrea, 5, and David, 3. At the reception they received gifts of money, groceries, and a new Bible.

At the same reception, Juniper Grove honored Paul Powell, at right above, the church's new minister of music and youth. Mr. Powell was formerly minister of music at Roxie Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], he is a graduate of Mississippi College. He will also serve as music director in Poplarville High School this year.

Mr. Allen will be available for supply preaching or other pastoral duties, and may be contacted at Clarke College after the school term opens.

MC Announces Music Camp

Plans for the 12th annual Music Camp at [illegible] nounced this week by Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

The camp, sponsored by the department of music, will open with registration on Monday, Sept. 6 and close with a dinner on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Every member of a major performing organization in the music department must attend this pre-registration camp unless an official excuse, in writing, is given by the chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

Camp fees will be $17 for students [illegible] accommodations and take meals in the college cafeteria, or $7 for students who will be commuting. This fee covers all expenses and must be received by the music office no later than Aug. 28.

Nesbit Church Is Building On A Hilltop

Eleven years ago a few dedicated Baptists met in a pasture at Nesbit to begin a new mission Sunday school. Soon it became a church with a regular pastor. Today a new building is being erected, on five acres on a hilltop, about one mile from the present location. All of the present church building [illegible] be taken care of at the new location. Busses will be used to transport them to the worship service. Building costs prohibit adding educational space until the present church is sold. Nesbit has received 128 new members in the past nine months. "Observing the ordinance of baptism has become almost a regular part of the morning worship services," states Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.

Off The Record

High Overhead

A harsh supervisor was reprimanding a meek worker in his department. [illegible] you've been going over my head!"

"I wouldn't dare do that, sir."

"But isn't it true that you've been praying for a raise?"

Delayed Action

Boss: Jones, how long have you been working here?

Jones: Ever since I heard you coming down the hall.

Come, Now!

Funeral director to aged mourner: "Are you?"

"I'm 97; be 98 next month."

"Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Corinth (Pearl R.) To Erect Building

Corinth Church, Nicholson, Pearl River Association, plans to construct a new education building. The 2100 feet of new floor space will be used for classrooms and fellowship hall.

The church agreed to begin work on the addition as soon as funds for it were collected. After two months in a special fund drive on August 1, 1971, the pastor, Rev. Wilson H. Presher, felt led to ask for the remaining $1100 needed, believing God would honor the offering. The offering totalled exactly $1100. Mr. Presher says work will begin shortly on the new structure.